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Re Application of:

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For: THERAPEUTIC USES OF TRI-ARYL ACID DERIVATIVES

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Sir:

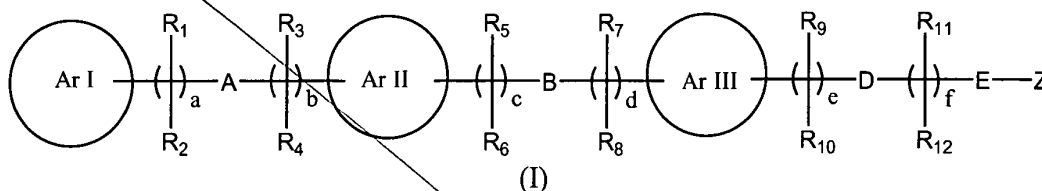
Preliminary Amendment

Before examining this application, please amend the application as follows:

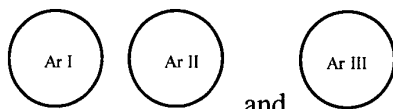
In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 20, 27 and 31-34 and add new claims 89-94 as follows:

(Amended) A compound of formula I



wherein:



, and are independently aryl, fused arylcycloalkenyl, fused arylcycloalkyl, fused arylheterocyclenyl, fused arylheterocyclcl, heteroaryl, fused heteroaryl cycloalkenyl, fused heteroaryl cycloalkyl, fused heteroaryl heterocyclenyl, or fused heteroaryl heterocyclcl;